

From the Pastor's Desk.....

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NKJV

Hello family,

There is all manner of crazy, upside down, sideways things going on all around us; right is called wrong or not politically correct; wrong, yes sin, is called right or okay. In today's society honor, integrity, and accountability no longer are the norm. All around us standards have either dropped to the point of ridiculousness or simply no longer exist.

God's standards are no longer welcome in society, they are continuously fought against, and are rapidly becoming non-existent. Instead today's society is adopting the idea of letting everyone do what they want, when they want, and how they want. Anyone who doesn't agree with these twisted ideas and actions are considered and treated as enemies that need to be destroyed. **Yikes!**

Whatever you do don't tell anyone that they should or shouldn't do something because that would be bullying or critical, maybe even non-supportive or destructive. How about telling someone what God says in His Word? Yes the Bible. By today's standards that would be just plain mean, judgmental, or hateful. **What? Are you kidding me?**

God has standards and not only does He expect for those standards to be met, He deserves appropriate behavior from us. He has provided everything needed for us to comply, starting with His only begotten Son dying on the cross in our place for our sins and then providing His Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who believe and receive Him as personal Savior and Lord.

He died even in place for those who say He doesn't exist. And for those that say He does exist but that He certainly didn't create everything. Also for those that say He is a cruel and vicious God. Yes even for those that say and act like they don't need Him. Here's what the Bible says about God's attitude toward people:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Christians, our job is pretty straight forward. Stick to the stuff. Do the things God wants us to do, the way He wants us to do them, trusting Him, fully relying on Him in all things all the time. Not rules, but lovingly obeying Him.

Praying for those that don't believe. Talking with them, encouraging them, inviting them to church and other Christian gatherings. Reminding them in words as well as our actions that God loves them and has a wonderful plan for them. Let's make sure that we're doing all that we do from a sincere love and appreciation for the Lord Jesus Christ, wanting to be pleasing to Him. In all things seeking to honor and glorify Him.

In Christ's love, Pastor Dave Wolff